

as arbitrary State caps that limit investment in clean technology. I will continue to push for a level playing field for California that invests our Federal tax dollars where the need is greatest and where they can do the most good.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 19 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HILL) at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the Earth. We need only look to the rising Sun after days of gray skies and behold Your glory as it breaks through the clouds, and then we bear witness to the awe of Your creation. So may Your presence dawn on us this day and dispel the fear and hopelessness that has for so long cast its long shadow on our lives.

You reign forever. There is nothing that is not subject to Your judgment, not our own errant thoughts, our misdeeds, our adversaries, nor our inability to acknowledge our dependence on You. You rule the world with righteousness, and You judge the peoples with equity.

In light of Your justness and Your justice, may we order our lives. In You may the oppressed find refuge and the wavering a stronghold in times of trouble.

You have never forsaken those who trust You. Those who know You find strength in calling Your name.

And so we offer to You our prayers, our efforts, and our very selves this day in the strength of that sovereign name.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. WILSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

CALIFORNIA STORMS AND CENTRAL VALLEY FARMERS

(Mr. VALADAO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, over the last few weeks, California has experienced severe storms that brought much-needed water to our State. If you thought that meant water shortages in California were over, you would be wrong.

Since October of last year, California has flushed over 6.4 million acre-feet of water out to the ocean. That is 2 trillion gallons. This is extremely frustrating for the Central Valley farmers who are following their fields and the communities that are running out of water for daily use in their homes and businesses.

The pumps that are in place to deliver water to farms, homes, and businesses aren't allowed to run at their full capacity due to environmental regulations. If we had increased flexibility on these pumping regulations to account for real-time conditions, we could have captured 84,000 more acre-feet of water during the 2 weeks of storms.

Increasing flexibility in how we operate these pumps, as well as investing in critical water storage infrastructure and conveyance projects, will allow us to maximize what can be stored for these flow events and make us more resilient for drought.

Every drop of water is critical to my constituents in Central Valley.

END HUNGER NOW

(Mr. MCGOVERN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, in the decades-long fight to end hunger, last September's White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health was a major turning point.

I thank the Biden-Harris administration for convening antihunger and nutrition stakeholders from across America to come up with an ambitious yet achievable plan to end hunger and reduce diet-related illnesses by 2030. The national strategy put forward will serve as our guide.

Now, it is time to put plans into action. I am thrilled that the Biden-Har-

ris administration remains laser-focused on maintaining the momentum coming out of the conference.

We have already achieved big wins, like permanently expanding summer food benefits for families with kids and signing into law the Food Donation Improvement Act, a bill I championed to make it easier for businesses to donate food.

Our work is just beginning, and I urge every American to join us in creating a healthier, hunger-free future for all. I have more faith than ever that, working together, we can and will end hunger now.

STANDING WITH OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, last week, President Biden decided to second-guess law enforcement once again.

Last Monday, he asked why they, meaning the police, should "always shoot with deadly force." In the past, he has also told police officers to aim for the legs while criminals are charging at them. These comments show a complete lack of knowledge of policing and self-defense.

The fact is, criminals will sometimes violently resist arrest. In those instances, it is important for police officers to be able to defend themselves or others around them.

Any time a firearm is discharged, that is considered deadly force. Is the President suggesting cops never use their firearms, even in clear cases of self-defense or protecting others?

To sit on the sidelines and blame law enforcement, not criminals, for the outcomes of these deadly interactions encourages violence against police officers, excuses criminal behavior, and is very bad for recruiting new police officers.

The President should be standing with our law enforcement officers, not siding with or aiding and abetting criminals.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to avoid engaging in personalities toward the President.

END EASY ACCESS TO UNREGULATED FIREARMS

(Mrs. MCBATH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MCBATH. Mr. Speaker, there have been 40 separate mass shootings since the year began. This weekend, 18 people were murdered within hours of each other.

That is it. That is all there is to say.

What do these mass murders all have in common? Easy access to unregulated firearms. That is the problem.

It cannot get any clearer. Without easy access to unregulated firearms,